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Dear Mr. Brown:

On behalf of President Ford, I am replying to your letter of August 23 regarding an allegation that Lee Harvey Oswald had received instruction in the Russian language while a member of the United States Marine Corps.

Officials have reviewed Mr. Oswald's service records thoroughly in regard to your question of Russian language studies. Mr. Oswald never attended a language school of any sort while a member of the United States Marine Corps.

I am sorry my reply could not be more informative. However, there is simply nothing in Mr. Oswald's service record to indicate he ever received any instruction in Russian.

Thank you for writing to the President.

Sincerely,

J. T. McCullen Jr.

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